

FP 11-18-75 Attempt to block report on CIA fails

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge Monday rejected an attempt by attorneys for an alleged central figure in CIA assassination plots to temporarily block release of the Senate Intelligence Committee's assassination report.

Attorneys for the unnamed individual had argued that publication of his name could place his life in danger. They asked U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell for a temporary restraining order against publication until the name could be deleted.

The 400-page report detailing alleged CIA plots against a number of foreign leaders is scheduled to be printed Monday night for release Thursday after its presentation to a secret session of the Senate.

Although Gesell found that the report increases the plaintiff's danger and noted President Ford's appeal to keep the report secret, he said he had "absolutely no power to edit, censor, veto or interfere with the submission of the 300 copies requested by the public printer."

Gesell also ruled that he could not limit the report's public distribution because he had to accept the committee's argu-

ment that publication of the name would serve a legislative purpose.

Terry Lenzner, attorney for the unnamed individual, said he would appeal Gesell's ruling.

Donald Bucklin, Lenzner's associate, had argued that use of his client's name was not necessary to the committee's legislative function and would expose him to "great potential harm," possibly death.

Nowhere in the court proceeding did Lenzner or Bucklin identify their client, but they said he had testified before the Senate committee in return for limited immunity.

Lenzner has represented Dr. Sidney Gottlieb, a former CIA scientist, in dealings with the committee. Gottlieb originally invoked the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination and later testified in response to a subpoena after he had been granted limited immunity.

The only other man known to have testified before the committee under limited immunity was Robert Maheu, one-time aide to billionaire Howard Hughes. Maheu was represented by a Las Vegas, Nev., attorney.

The Washington Post has reported that Gottlieb was involved in discussions of alleged assassinations plots against Cu-

ban Premier Fidel Castro and the late Patrice Lumumba, onetime leader of the Congo.